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Introducer's Statement of Intent
LB 755

Chairperson: Senator Ed J. Schrock
Committee: Natural Resources
Date of Hearing: March 3, 1999

The following constitutes the reasons for this bill and the purposes which are sought to be accomplished thereby:

Section 1 of LB 755 requires that when the state builds a new building, or completely renovates an existing building, that building must comply with the minimum efficiency requirements of the 1998 International Energy Conservation Code. This section also applies minimum efficiency standards to specific parts of buildings or building systems, whether owned or leased by the state.

Section 2 extends minimum energy efficiency requirements to all other new buildings which are built using public funds. These would include low- and moderate-income housing, as well as local government buildings.

Since local government financing agencies may lack the technical expertise to deal with parts of this code, and the State Energy Office has that expertise, LB 755 directs the Energy Office to provide plan review and other technical assistance necessary to carry out the requirements of this section. The Energy Office has received federal funds specifically for these types of services, so this will not add a cost burden to state or local governments.

Principal Introducer:

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